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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Examiner

Christina D. Gettman

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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-13 and 23-25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-22, 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 August 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

Claims 11-13 and 23-25 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in a telephone call made to Daniel Dawes on December 18, 2006.

Claims 1-10 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on February 20, 2007.

Applicant's election with traverse of Invention II in the reply filed on February 20, 2007, is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the method and apparatus cannot be separated because references describing methods of use also describe mechanical methods for making the use. This is not found persuasive because the method does not require the particulars of the apparatus. For instance, the method does not require that the device have a handpiece or be used with a catheter. The method, as stated in the restriction requirement, can be performed using a number of different apparatuses including a meat cutter, a saw, etc.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 14 and 26 are objected to because of the following informalities: in line 5 and line 4, "a oscillatory rate" needs to be changed to --an oscillatory rate--.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 14-18, 21, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dion (U.S. Patent No. 5,913,867). Dion disclose the invention substantially as claimed including a method of oscillating a high speed surgical burr(ref. 18) including the steps of providing a motive source (ref. 114), connecting the source with a drive shaft to the burr (col. 3, lines 48-51), oscillating the burr at a rate to cut bone (col. 4, lines 1-3; col. 7, lines 32-33) and oscillating over only a portion of a full circle (see page 14 of Applicants remarks from August 13, 2007; col. 7, line 24)), providing a burr that is unshielded (see Fig. 1-2 and 4), cooling and clearing the burr by fluid irrigation and fluid (col. 3, lines 28; col. 7, lines 11-16; ref. 118), and removing debris by suction (ref. 96; col. 3, lines 55-58). Although Dion discloses having an inner tube rotation rate of, for example, between 100 rpm and 5000 rpm, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have changed the motor to be able to produce higher rotation speeds, such as those set forth in the claim limitations: Dion

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also discloses that the surgeon controls the instrument speed. Therefore, since higher oscillatory rates will cut bone and not soft tissue, the surgeon can maintain high oscillatory speeds to do so.

Claims 19 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dion as applied to claims 14 and 20 above, and further in view of Wulfman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0007190). Dion discloses the invention substantially as claimed except for a slip clutch and a telescoping drive shaft and driving shaft. Wulfman et al. teach a resiliently biased slip clutch for the purpose of coupling the drive shaft assembly to the burr by (see Fig. 3) and having an overlapping portion of a drive shaft and driven shaft that are telescopically over each other (see Fig. 3) for the purpose of moving the burr. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Dion with a slip clutch in order to hold the drive shaft assembly onto the burr and to have modified Dion with an overlapping portion of a drive shaft and driven shaft that are telescopically over each other in order to oscillate the burr to cut bone.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14-22 and 26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

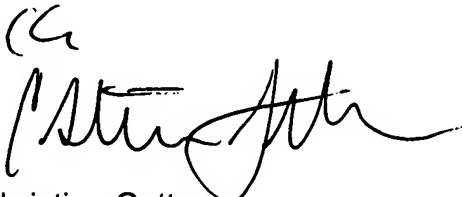
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christina D. Gettman whose telephone number is 571-

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272-3128. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:15 am to 3:45 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hayes can be reached on 571-272-4959. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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